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MEDIA

Issued media advisory for Lehigh press event: [U.S. EPA, Justice Department, and State of California will announce a Clean Water Act settlement to protect San Francisco Bay](#) Suzanne Skadowski

Early media RSVPs to Lehigh event: **AP (San Francisco)** Reporter Ellen Knickmeyer
 KQED Public Radio Reporter Peter John Shuler
 KCBS Radio Reporter Todd Smoot

Palo Alto Daily News: Reporter John Orr interviewed EPA project manager Ronald Leach on status of the Romic East Palo Alto, Calif. RCRA Corrective Action site. Reporter's inquiry follows recent [news](#) of a fire at the site. Reporter may follow up for site visit and photos for a story on the cleanup. (v) CLOSED. LND. Suzanne Skadowski

SF Public Press: Reporter Michael Stoll is asking for a brief 5-min phone interview with the Regional Administrator to talk about EPA's CWA review of the Cargill Salt Works property and how EPA looks at this site in terms of sea level rise in the Bay. Asked reporter to send questions and story outline by email for consideration. (v) OPEN. WTR. Suzanne Skadowski

Issued press release for R9 2014 PEYA winner Apr. 22: [Watsonville, Calif. students receive President's environmental education award for fighting to protect sea turtles worldwide](#) Suzanne Skadowski

KSCO Radio: Reporter Sydney Gelner interviewed EPA Pollution Prevention branch director Kathy Taylor for radio broadcast about PEYA award. (v) CLOSED. LND. Suzanne Skadowski

KION News: Reporter Brook Holmquist requested additional info on PEYA award winners. (v) CLOSED. LND. Suzanne Skadowski

Media Event: WTR Division Assistant Director Mike Montgomery spoke today at a press event and ribbon-cutting for Placer County's CWSRF-funded regional wastewater treatment plant. Suzanne Skadowski

KVOA (NBC Tucson): sent questions from reporter on TRI to program staff, will send written responses upon receipt from ENF: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan ENF

Channel 8 News (CBS, Las Vegas): Producer Ian Russel sent questions regarding naturally occurring asbestos, working with Air to get the questions answered: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan AIR

Fresno Bee: Reporter Mark Grossi was looking to get some background details on recent information published on the SJV Air District website on specific fines being removed by EPA for reaching attainment. AIR. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Inside EPA: Reporter Curt Barry was looking to see how the South Coast railroad rules in its SIP will be handled based on the STB's recent opinion. Folks are out today will get back to reporter on Monday. AIR. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Well.org: Reporter Shawn Price is looking to schedule a taped on air interview on indoor air quality and things people should be aware of to make their homes safer. Looking to do conduct interview in OC in early May. They are a new health/wellness/science/environment site. Waiting to see if Jared might be interested in participating. AIR. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Ventura County Star: Reporter Kathleen Wilson was looking to see if EPA had completed final report from Santa Paula explosion and if she could get a copy. SFUND. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Bakersfield Examiner: Ran coverage from DERA announcement: [EPA Awards \\$1.3 Million to the Port of Los Angeles for an Electric Drive Crane](#). AIR. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

Media advisory issued to select reporters for Tuesday's event with Jared at Disneyland: **EPA to Honor Disneyland Resort for Achievements in Food Recovery.**

WEB

Social Media:

Recycling – Posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages about recycling electronics and making and linked to our [Reduce, Reuse, Recycle](#) page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

RSVP for Disneyland Food Recovery Challenge Event on April 28th: Brent Maier shared today's media advisory with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Loretta Sanchez as well as State Legislative and Anaheim local elected officials. We have received word that Sabiha Khan in Senator Dianne Feinstein's Los Angeles office will be attending the April 28th Food Recovery Challenge event at Disneyland. Awaiting word from other Congressional and State Legislative and local elected officials of their planned attendance.

House Appropriations Committee: The House Appropriations Committee approved its FY16 appropriations for Energy and Water on April 22, 2015 by voice vote. The bill totals \$35.4 billion – \$1.2 billion above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level and \$633 million below the President's request. It provides funding for the Army Corps of Engineers, Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, national defense nuclear weapons activities, and certain programs under the Department of Energy (DOE), as well as various programs in other agencies. **During the markup, the Committee accepted an amendment by voice vote offered by Rep. David Valadao (Hanford) regarding several California water infrastructure projects.** It requires the Bureau of Reclamation to complete feasibility studies for three dam expansion projects and two dam creation proposals. To comply with deadlines set in the amendment, BOR must include a timeline for completion, draft environmental impact statement, final environmental impact statement, and Record of Decision. The projects and deadlines imposed are: 1) The Shasta expansion and Temperance Flat dam (December 31, 2015); 2) The Los Vaqueros expansion and Sites dam (November 30, 2016); and 3) The San Luis dam expansion (December 31, 2017). Also during the markup, the Committee rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Sam Farr (Carmel) to strip out the provision in the bill prohibiting the Administration from proceeding with its National Oceans Policy. The amendment was rejected 20-29. **Another amendment to strip the provisions in the bill preventing the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers from moving forward on its rulemaking defining "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS rule), was also rejected.** The House is expected to consider the bill next week. For more information on the funding in the

measure, go to: http://www.calinst.org/bul2/b2211.shtml#TOC1_2 and
<http://appropriations.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=394164>